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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/791,747

Applicants: Ernesto E. BLANCO

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For: SAFETY TROCAR INCLUDING SEALING  
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Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Preliminary Amendment**

**Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheet(s)**

**Replacement Drawing Sheets (2)**

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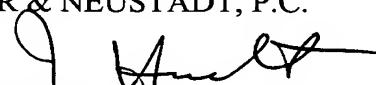
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**Reference (1)**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.